

Rename MySQL Table

You can change the name of a MySQL table to a new one.

To rename MySQL Database,

1. Open mysql command line by [logging to MySQL server](#).
2. [Switch to specific Database](#).
3. Run the following SQL Query.

```
mysql> RENAME
TABLE old_name TO

mysql> RENAME TABLE old_name TO new_name;
```

Example to change MySQL Table Name

In this example, we shall use a database named 'school' and try to change the name of 'students' table to 'pupils'.

Initially, we have

```
Administrator: Command Prompt - mysql -u root -p
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_school |
+-----+
| students          |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

Now run the following command to rename the MySQL table name:

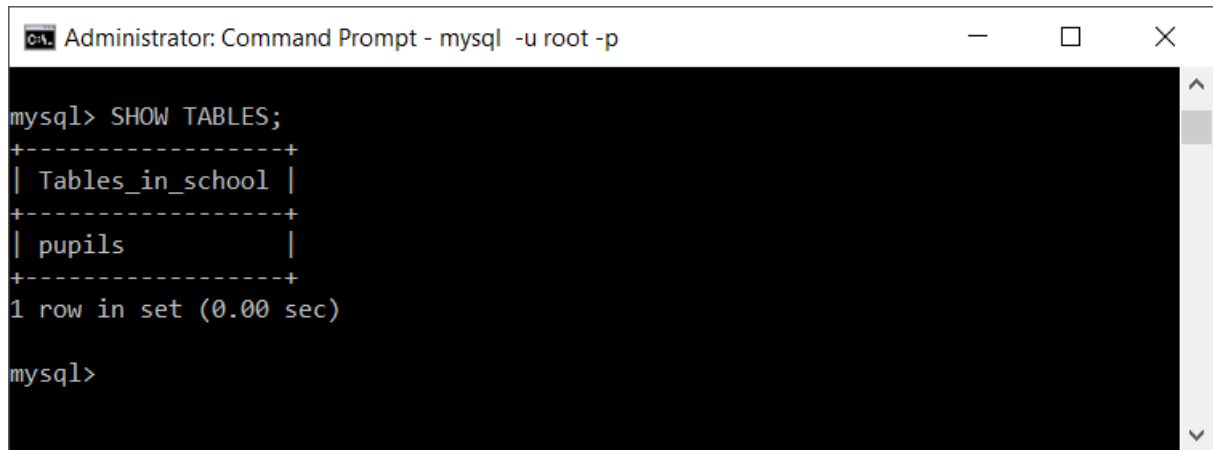
```
mysql> RENAME
TABLE students TO

mysql> RENAME TABLE students TO pupils;
```

```
Administrator: Command Prompt - mysql -u root -p
mysql> RENAME TABLE students TO pupils;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql>
```

If you query the tables in the database, you will see pupils.



```
Administrator: Command Prompt - mysql -u root -p
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables_in_school |
+-----+
| pupils           |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

Now, try changing it back the table name from 'pupils' to 'students'.

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